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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. 09/527,309

Group Art Unit: 2171

Applicant: Wilson et al.

Examiner: Chen, Tey

Filed: March 16, 2000

For: AUTOMATIC PRUNING OF  
ORPHANED OBJECTS FROM  
DIRECTORY SERVICES AND OTHER  
DATABASES

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT A**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.